certain mistakes in the water bills, due to introduction of computerised billing system in new Delhi and South Zone but there is no loss to Government, due to computerisation.

(b) In order to streamline the system, in the second year of the computerised system of water billing the work was assigned to two agencies instead of one. The department has been in continuous touch with both the agencies to improve the system and eliminate the inaccuracies in billing.

Financial performance of Agro Industries Corporation

2277. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have urged the State Governments to take steps to improve the financial performance of Agro-Industries Corporations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments have been requested to review and monitor the working of Agro Industries Corporations with a view to improving their performance and making their operations commercially more profitable. The State Governments have also been advised to strengthen the resources of the Corporations so that they can expand and diversify their activities.

Employees State Insurance Scheme

2278. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a law providing for stringent penalties for employers who default in depositing under the Employees State Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the proposed provisions are as given in the Employees' State Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 1989, which was passed by the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1989.

Setting up of TV transmitter at Dhubri District of Assam

2279. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a TV Transmission Centre at Dhubri District of Assam;

(b) if so, whether the site for the transmission Centre has been selected;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to set up a high-power transmission centre in a centrally located place so as to cover four districts, namely, Barpeta, Goalpara, Kokrajhar and Dhubri; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes Sir. A low power (100W) TV transmitter is envisaged to be set up at Dhubri in Assam during the current financial year (1989-90).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Subletting in DIZ area and Baba Kharak Singh Marg

2280. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of URBAN

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that type III Government quarters are on subletting in DIZ Area and Baba Kharak Singh Marg depriving genuine Government servants who are in waiting list since 15 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Quarter number 1020, 1023, in Block No. 26 and Quarter number 1032 and 1129 in Baba Kharak Singh Marg, are on subletting;

(c) whether it is a fact that resident(s) of the colony have also complained to this effect;

(d) what action Government had taken to cancel the allotment of the above quarters; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that so-called tenants are having telephone connection in Quarter No. 1020 and 1023 of Baba Kharak Singh Marg but not in the name of actual allottees of the quarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) Based on the complaints received from the residents of the area especially Baba Kharak Singh Marg, and also otherwise regarding subletting of quarters, spot inspections to detect these cases have been carried out during March to July, 1989. The allotment of all such quarters where subletting has been proved, including Qr. No. 1032 in Block No. 26, B.K.S. Marg, has been cancelled. The allotment of Qr. No. 1023, B.K.S. Marg has been cancelled w.e.f. 5-2-87 consequent upon the allottee's transfer out of Delhi. Action in other cases including Qr. Nos. 1020 and 1129 in Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi is progressing as per rules.

Indo-Bulgarian project for apple production

2281. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Bulgaria are running a project on apple production in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what is the progress of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project is being implemented from the current planting season (1989-90) for a period of three years.

Setting up of joint ventures by SAIL with foreign companies

2282. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has decided to set up a joint venture for the manufacture of new value added products and also down stream items based on iron and steel;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the estimated cost involved in setting up of such joint ventures and what are the names of foreign companies which will be associated with these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of Food Processing Industries in Goa

2283. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Goa large quantity of highly perishable fish and other sea products, if not procured in time goes waste;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up Food Processing Industries in Goa for sea food sector; and